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Labour

Acquisition of a site in Aayalam village in Wallajah taluk for Adi-Dravidas.

* 1472 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Labour Officer, North Arcot, sought to acquire for the extension of the village-site for the Adi-Dravidas of Aayalam village in Wallajah taluk, the only plot granted as maintenance to a helpless widow ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the attention of the Labour Officer was drawn to the circumstance that the acquisition would deprive her of her only means of living ;

(c) whether the District Labour Officer brushed aside the objections;

(d) whether there are not other suitable lands in the vicinity which are better fitted for extension of village-site ; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.

(c), (d) & (e) It has been decided to withdraw from the acquisition of the land in question.

Acquisition of house-sites by the depressed classes of Semmengudi village.

* 1473 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware of the petition, dated 13th October 1928, from Muthukannu and three others of Shiyali taluk, Semmengudi village, Vilvarayanatham East, to the Commissioner of Labour for confirming the possession of the house-sites they were occupying for more than three generations and of the reply from the Collector of Tanjore bearing D. Dis. No. 15480-28-B.-C.-D, dated 10th November 1928 ; and

(b) whether the Government are aware that a sum of Rs. 42 was collected from the four applicants on 28th August 1928 and why the Collector of Tanjore now passes an order prohibiting the acquisition of the said land?

A.—A report in the matter has been called for.

Action taken on the recommendations of the Unemployment Committee.

* 1474 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: With reference to the answer to my question No. 728 answered on 27th November 1928, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether any and, if so, what final decisions have been arrived at regarding the recommendations of the Unemployment Committee?

A.—Final decisions have not yet been arrived at on the recommendations of the Unemployment Committee.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know for how long this has been under the consideration of Government ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" Most of the recommendations relate to the Departments of Agricuture and Education, and they are being considered by those departments."

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Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the question of unemployment is becoming more and more acute ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The Government have no information."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether any one of the recommendations has a chance of being carried out ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" As I have said, Sir, the question is under the consideration of the departments concerned and I shall see that orders are passed as early as possible."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" In view of the fact that it has been pending for a very long time, may I know when it will be ready ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" Sir, I have already answered the question by saying that I shall see that orders are passed as early as possible."

Working of the Labour Department.

* 1475 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Labour Department was started ;

(*b*) the grants made to this department in each of the years since it was started till 1928 ;

(*c*) in how many and which of the districts the Labour Department has started work till now ;

(*d*) in how many districts more the work is proposed to be started ; and

(*e*) in how many of them the work has been completed ?

A.—(*a*) In the year 1920.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the Civil Budget Estimates and the Accountant-General's reports on Appropriation Accounts for the various years.

(*c*) In sixteen districts—Tanjore, Godavari East, Kistna, Guntur, Bellary, Nellore, Madras, Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot, Trichinopoly, South Kanara, Anantapur, West Godavari, Cuddapah and Malabar.

(*d*) In three more districts during 1929–30, viz., Coimbatore, Kurnool and Tinnevelly.

(*e*) In none.

Motor Vehicles Act

Prosecutions launched by motor inspectors.

* 1476 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the number of prosecutions launched by the motor inspectors in each district in the Presidency during the last two years ending with 30th September 1928 ; how many of the prosecutions were for overloading and mechanical defects and how many were for breaches of other rules and directions ;